

Is This the Beginning of the White House Shakeup?

The White House communications director, Mike Dubke, stated in an interview Tuesday morning that he tendered his resignation May 18, and the president accepted it.

Dubke continues to work in that role as the president picks a successor, telling Politico that he stayed on through the president's first foreign trip last week to ensure a smooth transition. No successor has been named, but one of the leading candidates is Citizens United President David Bossie, who served as the president's deputy campaign manager last fall.

The Politico report states that the resignation may signal a new round of staff shakeups at the White House. The left-leaning political news outlet reported:

"The reasons for my departure are personal, but it has been my great honor to serve President Trump and this administration," Dubke emailed friends Tuesday morning. "It has also been my distinct pleasure to work side-by-side, day-by-day with the staff of the communications and press departments. This White House is filled with some of the finest and hardest working men and women in the American Government."

Dubke's exit comes as Trump considers larger staff changes as he tries to contain the deepening scandals related to ties between Russia and his campaign ...

Beyond Dubke, White House press secretary Sean Spicer is expected to take on a reduced public role, though he is conducting the briefing later on Tuesday. Dubke, who was only on the job for a little over three months, had generally been seen as a Spicer ally in the White House.

The liberal mainstream media-contrived “deepening scandal” has yet to produce any evidence of ties between Russia and the president’s 2016 campaign. Changing the communications leadership may be a move toward a more hands-on approach to dealing with the outlets that have been particularly hostile to the administration.

There has been talk of former campaign manager Corey Lewandowski taking on a formal role in the White House communications team.

One likely scenario would have Spicer become communications director while his deputy, Sarah Huckabee Sanders—the daughter of former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee—would take on the role of press secretary full time. Bossie and Lewandowski would then be part of a new “war room” strategy to deal with the liberal mainstream media. {eoa}